

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The method defined in claim  
[[1]] 9 wherein said filaments are produced with a spinnerette and  
are then cooled.

3. (original) The method defined in claim 2 wherein  
said filaments are collected on a continuously moved foraminous  
belt.

4. (original) The method defined in claim 3, further  
comprising drawing air through said belt from below said belt in a  
region at which said filaments are collected on said belt with at  
least one suction device.

5. (original) The method defined in claim 4 wherein  
said filaments are treated with said wetting agent after the  
filaments have been collected into a spun-bond web on said belt.

6. (original) The method defined in claim 5 wherein  
said wetting agent is a surfactant.

1                   7. (currently amended) The method defined in claim 6  
2        wherein said spun-bond webs and the layer are [[is]]  
3        hydrodynamically consolidated by training water jets thereon.

1                   8. (new) A method of making a laminate comprising the  
2        steps of sequentially:

3                   treating two spun-bond webs formed of endless  
4        thermoplastic synthetic-resin filaments with wetting agents;

5                   applying a layer of hydrophilic fibers to one of the  
6        treated spun-bond webs;

7                   applying the other of the treated spun-bond webs on the  
8        layer of hydrophilic fibers on the one treated spun-bond web; and

9                   hydrodynamically consolidating together the two treated  
10      spun-bond webs and the layer of hydrophilic fibers between them.

1                   9. (new) The method defined in claim 8 wherein the  
2        spun-bond webs are made by:

3                   forming endless filaments of thermoplastic synthetic  
4        resin;

5                   collecting the endless filaments; and

6                   precompacting the collected endless filaments.

1                   10. (new) The method defined in claim 9 further  
2                   comprising the step of  
3                   bonding together the endless filaments at crossover  
4                   points.